

Bake Desiccant Back To Life

You're servicing your unit AGPU's hydraulic reservoir vent dryer as outlined in Para 4-92 of TM 55-1730-229-12.

You find it's time to toss the old desiccant because it's less than the 25 percent blue called for by Item 8 in the operator's PMCS, but you don't have any new desiccant on hand.

No sweat, just fire up the nearest oven. Until the new desiccant comes in, you can just bake the blue back into the old stuff. As long as its original color returns, it's good to go. Of course, always use fresh desiccant when you can.

To reactivate desiccant, bake it in an oven at 350° for 4 hours or until the original blue color returns.

The blue color tells you the desiccant is ready to take out any moisture in the hydraulic fluid.

A change to TM 55-1730-229-12 will add the baking info. A change to TM 55-1730-229-24P will add NSN 6850-00-680-2233 for the desiccant.

If desiccant has lost its color, bake it

